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SUBJECT: NATO UN CONSULTATIONS: WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE

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1. WE NOTED IN REFTEL SOVIET EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR'S REMARK, IN WARSAW, THAT THE SOVIETS VIEW A WDC AS FOLLOW-ON STEP TO CSCE. SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELOR COMMENTED IN THIS REGARD THAT FRANCE AND THE UK, DURING RECENT VISITS OF GISCARD AND CALLAGHAN TO POLAND, SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF WDC IN JOINT STATEMENTS WITH POLES.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS INDICATION OF POSSIBLE RESUMED PUSH BY EASTERN EUROPEANS ON WDC, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO MONITOR EASTERN APPROACHES TO ALLIES ON THIS ISSUE, AND ALLIED REACTIONS IN REGULAR NATO CONSULTATIONS. AS WE RECALL, NATO LAST REVIEWED STATUS OF WDC DURING SEPTEMBER 1974 DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING. AT THAT TIME ALLIES TOOK CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW THAT SOVIETS SEEMED SATISFIED WITH MODERATE PROGRESS ON WDC IN UN AD HOC COMMITTEE. ALLIES BELIEVED THAT AT LEAST ONE MORE YEAR OF DEBATES WITHIN AD HOC COMMITTEE WOULD BE NECESSARY BEFORE PREPARATIONS FOR WDC COULD BE

STARTED.

3. WDC ISSUE IS NOT INCLUDED ON AGENDA FOR JULY 23 NATO CONSULTATION ON UN ISSUES OR ON AGENDA FOR FALL DIARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING. WE CAN, HOWEVER, BRING UP THIS ISSUE IN EITHER MEETING OR IN REGULAR POLADS CONSULTATION. AMBASSADOR BLAKE MIGHT WISH ON JULY 23 TO REAFFIRM US POSITION REGARDING WDC AND OUR INTEREST IN EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH ALLIES REGARDING ANY NEW EASTERN INITIATIVES ON THIS ISSUE. WE COULD THEN FOLLOW UP WITH ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS OR REPORTS WASHINGTON WISHES TO PUT FORWARD IN POLADS. SUBSEQUENTLY, IF SOVIETS APPEAR TO BE MAINTAINING MAJOR INITIATIVE ON WDC, DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MIGHT ALSO WISH TO ADDRESS THIS SUBJECT AT FALL MEETING.
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